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*All the News That Will Fit On the Lathe*

### A Message From Don Johnston, Your President Snow Likely all Summer

It started last Christmas with Jan Shotola wondering if there was a way WCWT could help with the Lisle Heritage Society annual ornament project. The Board gave the go ahead in February to investigate the possibility. In March Carol Carls of the Heritage Guild was contacted to discuss how we might participate in the 2016 ornament – assuming 2015 was already set up by then. But for a combination of reasons, the process had been delayed and the 2015 need was becoming urgent. They wanted something 3 inches tall that they could decorate. So Don quickly upscaled an ornament he typically makes and showed it to Carol. Just before our March meeting we got word that the Heritage Guild wanted to proceed with the Snowman Head and Hat and would need 150 – some of which to sell at Depot Days in September. Hence the scramble to get things going quickly. We are targeting to deliver 25 units each month April through September.

Windy City members responded with 18 volunteers to be part of the production crew. The following Tuesday, 12 of us were able to make a kickoff meeting at the Woodcraft classroom in Norridge (see page 5). The purpose of the session was to demonstrate the turning of the snowman head and hat using a “story stick,” and to distribute materials. This is a multi-site manufacturing process so emphasis was placed on dimensional conformity and repeatability – “*Strive for precision and the result will be OK, strive for OK and the result will not be*” (A famous anonymous quote). Most of us know from experience that one of anything is easier to make than two. But with the right tools and process, many of us will prove that 150 is possible. **Yes, 150 is possible!**

The techniques we are applying are not at all newfangled. Long before duplicating lathes were available – and even since – woodturners have been turning out “identical” spindle work using the same techniques we are applying here. There is no doubt that repetitively turning within boundaries will improve the skills of our snowman production crew. And at the same time, we are supporting an organization in our host community of Lisle. Thank you, Jan and volunteers.

The Rockler store in Schaumburg is planning a demo day on Saturday, May 16 from 9am to 5pm. Windy City has been asked to participate by staffing one mini lathe for the day. It has always been our policy to support our retailers in this type of event and at the same time promote the craft and our club. You will have an opportunity at the April 21 meeting to sign up for one or more shifts on May 16. Your support will be appreciated.

We will be turning on a mini lathe with #2 Morse Taper and 1 inch by 8 drive. Demonstrators should bring literally all tools, attachments, safety equipment and wood required for the project(s) they will be turning. Do not assume that there will be sharpening equipment available. **DEMONSTRATORS NEED NOT BE MEMBERS OF AAW** at Windy City club events.

Finally, even if you are not demonstrating, your fellow members who are will be pleased for you to attend the event to offer support – ask easy questions and offer compliments.



**Ken Staggs**  
**March**  
**Demonstrator**



**A Chapter of the**  
**American Association**  
**of**  
**Woodturners**

*Bert LeLoup*  
*Maple with Ink*



*Dave Neybert*  
*Ash*



*Rich Nye Maple*



*Roy Lindley Mopani*



*Tony Leto Various*



*Unknown Artist*



*Dave Reilly Cocobolo*



*Unknown Artist*



*Collection of Paul Shotola*



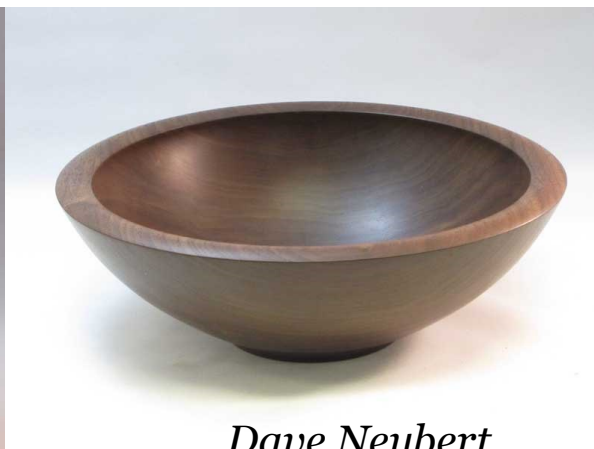
*Dave Neybert*

*Elm*





*Rich Nye*  
*Maple, Blackwood*



*Dave Neybert*  
*Walnut*



*Boxes and Stand*  
*Bill Aitichson*



*Bert LeLoup*  
*Ambrosia Maple*

## Turning Snowmen Ornaments for the *Lisle Heritage Society* 2015 Fund-Raiser



**150**  
**Is**  
**possible**



MOSTLY IDENTICAL Can you spot the odd one?



An excerpt from the Lisle Heritage Society newsletter. WCWT getting more involved!

*“Don Johnston (yellow jacket) with the white oak handles he turned for us. Don is with the Windy City Wood Turners. They have been providing demonstrations of wood turning at Depot Days and “Once Upon a Christmas” for the past couple of years. We had no way to make the handles so we really appreciate Don’s help in making them for us.”*





***You know you want them!***

**D-Way  
CBN  
Grinding  
Wheels**



**Rich Nye** at the raffle table, ready to take your winning raffle tickets. Get yours at the next meeting!



ONLY  
**\$5**  
A CHANCE

You know you've been lusting after a set of the new CBN wheels for your grinder but don't have the several hundred bucks in your tool budget. This special drawing is just for you. For the next several meetings, promotional Chair Rich Nye will be selling \$5 tickets on a pair of 8 inch Cubic Boron Nitride wheels (80 grit and 180 grit) that will bring your grinder into the 21st century.

These wheels are of the latest design by D-Way Tools and will bring your grinder into the 21st century. They will include the appropriate bushings for your grinder.

This special drawing prize and tickets will be in addition to our usual monthly drawing. The ticket price of \$5 is a bit more than our usual drawing, but the value of the prize at about \$460 is a lot greater than usual. So the question is not whether, but how many tickets to buy.

**Check out [www.d-waytools.com](http://www.d-waytools.com) and ask the turner who owns them.**



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**Dave Burk**

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**Dawn Herndon-Charles**

## THE MONTHLY CRITIQUE



***Bill Hochmuth***

Each month, an experienced member (in March, it was Bill Hochmuth) reviews members' current work in a non-competitive, positive way. All members are encouraged to bring their work to the review. Other members may be inspired to attempt new ideas and processes, and everyone will be more informed about design, quality of work and new ideas to try. Please don't think your turning is not good enough to study. We can learn from every piece. The Critique is non-competitive, so let's all see what you have been working on.

DEMONSTRATING  
AT THE APRIL  
MEETING:

PAUL SHOTOLA

DISCUSSING THE  
JOHN C.  
CAMPBELL  
FOLK SCHOOL  
AND  
SOME NEW  
INSPIRATIONS  
FOR  
WOODTURNERS  
(THINGS YOU  
HAVE  
PROBABLY  
NEVER THOUGHT  
OF)

## 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?

### OHIO VALLEY TURNING SYMPOSIUM

**October 8-10**

**Just outside of Cincinnati, OH**

**Over 60 rotations in a rural setting**

### Featuring:

Mark St. Leger	Malcom Tibbetts
Mike Jackofsky	Derek Weidman
Neil Scobie	Chris Ramsey

## From Don Johnston

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As always, if you purchase something at Rockler during your visit, make sure you mention that you are from Windy City (for your 10% discount) and that the clerk brings out the big ring binder and gives Windy City credit for your purchase. This is the record that leads to gift cards for our club.

Don't Forget To:

Recommend your favorite new DVD or book to be purchased for our library. Signed suggestions in writing please to Charlie Scheffel or any officer.

Get busy sorting out your best excess stuff for the Garage Sale at our September meeting.

Buy more tickets for the pair of D-Way CBN wheels in our special drawing.

Get your picture taken by Bob Bergstrom if you aren't on the photographic membership list circulated with March's newsletter.



# *Things To Do!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Demo Days at ROCKLER** May 16 253 w. Golf Rd. Schaumburg, IL

**WINDY CITY WOODTURNERS EVENTS:**

**Windy City Picnic:** August 30 Community Park, Lisle IL

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

**Windy City Garage Sale:** September 15 Park District, Lisle IL

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

**CHICAGO WOODTURNERS EVENTS:**

**Alain Mailland Demo & Classes:** June 20, 21, 22, 23

**Ashley Harwood Demo & Classes:** September 26, 27, 28, 29  
FREE ADMISSION Courtesy of the CWT Educational Committee

**Jimmy Clewes Demo & Classes:** October 24, 25, 26, 27

**OTHER EVENTS:**

**Utah 36th Annual Woodturning Symposium:** May 14-16 Orem UT  
<http://utahwoodturning.com>

**AAW 29th Annual National Symposium:** June 25-28 Pittsburgh PA  
<http://www.woodturner.org>

**Rocky Mountain 16th Annual Woodturning Symposium:** September 18-20 Loveland CO <http://www.rmwoodturningsymposium.com/>

**American Craft Exhibition (ACE Show):** September 24-27 Chicago Botanic Gardens Glencoe IL <http://americancraftexpo.org>

**Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild Turning 2015 Symposium:** October 9-11 West Harrison IN <http://www.ovwg.org>

**Turn-On Chicago Symposium** July 22-24, 2016 Mundelein IL  
<http://www.chicagowoodturners.com>

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 welcome and encouraged.