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*All the News That Will Fit On the Lathe*

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### **A Message From Don Johnston, Your President The Snowman Project**

We had a nice start to the snowman project in April. Fifty basswood snowmen were delivered to the chairwoman of the Heritage Society Guild for them to begin to work their decorating magic. This was twice the quantity we had promised for April due largely to the major contribution of Heads and Hats by Bob Barbieri. Thanks, Bob. This takes the heat off for a month or so.

Some of our members are still in the mode of practicing their skills and others are waiting for a second kickoff event to be held in early June. We are one third complete against our target of 150 by September.

### **Mentoring**

One initiative Windy City intended to pursue a couple of years ago was a mentoring program in member's shops. However, it turned out that our insurance package doesn't cover club activities in member's homes. That brought us to a screeching halt.

**Learn and Turn** The gracious loan of the Woodcraft classroom provides us a venue for mentoring which is covered by our insurance. This will be our second year of this format of mentoring interaction among club members. Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 23 from 12 to 3. Tentative topics to be covered include Bowl Turning, Hollow Forms, Basic Skills and Sharpening. So there will be 4 work stations covering these topics and an opportunity to watch and ask questions, and try your hand at what you learn. We look forward to a crowded room on the 23rd

### **Christmas Ornament Demos**

It may seem a bit early to be thinking about what ornaments to turn for Christmas this year, but we have already set the dates for ornament demonstration events at both Rockler and Woodcraft. As in the past couple of years, Windy City members will be showing how they turn their favorite ornaments. The Rockler event is set for Saturday July 25 from 10am to 3pm. It is time to be reserving the date and thinking about what you would like to demonstrate. Remember that our liability insurance no longer requires you to be an AAW member to demonstrate at a club event.

So be prepared to sign up when we send the sheet around in June or contact a club officer to get your name in the schedule. We will be operating 3 mini's and have two shifts breaking at 12:30pm.

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***Paul Shotola***

***April***

***Presenter***



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



*Dawn Herndon-Charles*  
*Poplar*



*Mark Dreyer*



*Mark Hubl*  
*Box Elder*

*Unknown*  
*Turner*



*Paul Shotola*  
*Pear*

*Dave Leach*  
*Cherry*





*Bert LeLoup Ash*



*Paul Shotola Cherry*



*Unknown Turner*



*Peter D'Attomo*



*Rich Rohrbach  
Mesquite*

*Unknown  
Turner*







*Bill Aitchison*



*Roy Lindley Mopani*



*Unknown  
Turner*

*Ed Slee  
Walnut*



*Unknown Turner*



Editor's Note: When you bring a piece to the meeting, make sure that you fill out an artist' ID slip, whether that piece is going to be reviewed or not. It makes things a lot simpler, both for me and for Dave Burk, the photographer. I'd like to cut down on the "Unknown Turner" ids.  
Who is this "Unknown Turner, anyway?

# Alain Malland

Demo June 20



From Chamborigaud, France

An experienced teacher and demonstrator, he makes the seemingly complex easy to understand and attainable by mere mortals like ourselves. Join the Chicago Woodturners for a rare appearance by Alain Mailland this June

Demo and classes are for **ALL** levels

Demo: Saturday, June 20  
Attendance Fee: \$30.00  
Demo Location: Christian Liberty Academy  
502 W. Euclid, Arlington Hts. IL 60004  
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
Pre-registration is not necessary  
Coffee and snacks provided by  
The Chicago Woodturners

Hands-On Class:(1 day) Sunday, June 21  
Hands-On Class:(2 Day) Mon./Tue.,  
June 22/23  
Class Location: NORMAC, 2570 Kaneville Ct. Geneva IL 60134  
Class Tuition: \$120.00 per day  
Classes are limited to 7 students.  
Registration is required for classes  
Classroom is fully-equipped



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

**D-Way  
CBN  
Grinding  
Wheels**



A pair of CBN (cubic boron nitride) Grinding wheels (no dust, no vibration, never need dressing, always sharp) to be raffled off! ( A \$370 Value)

**Get your raffle tickets  
at the next meeting!**



**SAVE THE DATE !**

**WCWT  
PICNIC  
August  
30**

The annual Windy City summer picnic will be held on August 30 from 2 til' 6 p.m. at the South Pavilion in the Lisle park where it has been held in previous years. The club will provide grilled chicken and hamburgers along with chips and beverages. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass. There will be a wood/tool exchange and raffle. The cost will remain at \$5 per person. Further details and an e-vite invitation will follow.

Organizing committee chaired by **Len Swanson**

Contact Len at 630-469-5376 or [lenardswanson@att.net](mailto:lenardswanson@att.net) if you have any questions

## CLUB OFFICERS

*At Your Service*

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people serve in these im-  
portant roles:**

### Librarians

**Rich Ogren**

**Charlie Scheffel**

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**Rich Nye**

### Videography

**Bob Bergstrom**

### Photography

**Dave Burk**

### Webmaster

**Brian Gravelle**

## THE MONTHLY REVIEW



***Al Miotke***

***reviewing member's  
work in April***

Each month, an experienced member (in April, it was Al Miotke) reviews members' current work in a non-competitive, positive way. All members are encouraged to bring their work to the review.

## AAW Connects Map

The AAW (American Association of Woodturners) has recently announced the AAW Connects Map feature. This new feature will allow us (AAW members) to search out AAW Chapters, Symposia, Schools and other wood turning sources no matter where you go. We can always find more woodturning any where in the world, no matter where we are. Just another benefit to AAW membership.

Click the link to find out more and to  
try out the  
AAW Connects Map

[http://www.woodturner.org/?  
page=AAWConnectsMap](http://www.woodturner.org/?page=AAWConnectsMap)

## OUR MEETINGS

DEMONSTRATING  
AT THE MAY-  
MEETING:  
GAVIN FROM  
RELIABLE  
FINISHING  
PRODUCTS  
DISTRIBUTORS OF  
MOHAWK, GENERAL  
FINISHES, ILVA  
AND LENMAR  
PRODUCTS

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?

### *The Snowman Project*

**We are making snowmen (heads and hats) for the Lisle Historical Society annual fund raiser.**

***You should get involved.***

We are 1/3 of the way to our goal of making 150 ornaments!



### ***From Don Johnston***

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In case you can't make July 25, but want to plan a little further in advance, we will be in the Woodcraft classroom on Saturday, October 31 from 10am to 3pm. Demonstrators will be allowed to participate in both events. And, as usual, other Windy City members will be permitted to attend to offer encouragement and praise.

#### **New Webmaster**

You will notice a new name in the volunteer staff of Windy City. **Brian Gravelle**, one of our newer members, has agreed to take on the important role of Webmaster. Please say thank you to Brian.



# *Things To Do!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WINDY CITY WOODTURNERS EVENTS:

**Ornaments at Rockler** July 25 Schaumburg, IL

**Learn and Turn** August 23 Woodcraft Woodridge, IL

**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

**Ornaments at Woodcraft** October 31 Woodridge, IL

**Once Upon A Christmas Festival:** December 5-6, 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:

**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>

Please note the corrected dates for Once Upon a Christmas in Lisle. Apparently Paul Pyrcik (he pays attention to details) is the only person who actually reads the newsletter. He noticed that I had incorrect dates, and notified me of this. The dates had been wrong since January of 2015.

Didn't anyone else notice this? Thanks, Paul!