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*All the News That Will Fit On the Lathe*

## A Message From Don Johnston, Your President

### Garage Sale

By now you have assembled and priced the pile of treasures you will be offering at our September 15 meeting. We won't be having a demo, drawing or formal gallery review. Mostly we will setup, sell, buy and clear out.

Setup can start at 6:30. The sale will begin at 7:15 – or a bit later if everyone doesn't seem to be ready by then. As usual, 10% of your gross sales will be your donation to the club.

Treasurer Nick Page will be on hand to receive payments by the end of the evening.

There will be a Windy City Table where you can donate an item for sale with the whole proceeds benefiting the club. Please mark WCWT and include a suggested price. You may be required to take any unsold items back home. Thanks for using this option to donate to the club.

Here's the rest you need to know:

Tables will be available in our meeting space. Share if you don't need much space. Please, no presales – let everyone have the same chance.

Be sure each of your items is marked with the price and your name or initials – one gouge looks like another.

Large or heavy items may be left at home or in your vehicle. Bring photos and descriptions for display.

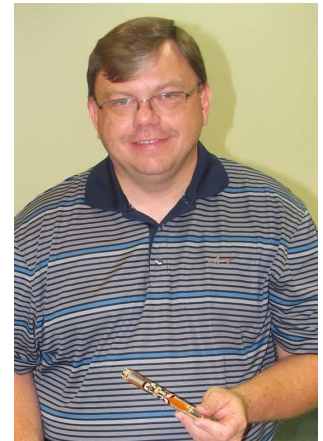
Both buyers and sellers should have plenty of singles and a few big bills.

We will be allowing time to move out the sold and unsold prior to 9:30. A short meeting will be held for announcements at the end of the sale. One table will be set aside for the Instant Gallery, but there will be no formal review.

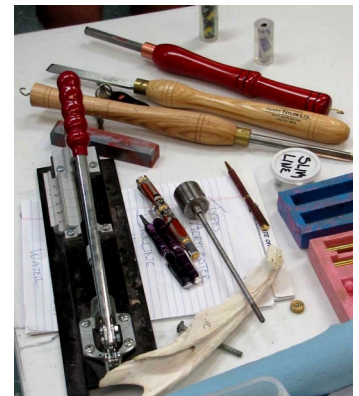
### Mentoring – Windy City Style

On Sunday, August 23 we learned and turned with the talented quartet of Dave Neybert, Marie Anderson, Mark Hubl and Bob Bergstrom. This is a unique oppor-

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**Mark Dreyer**  
**August Presenter**



*A Chapter of the  
American Association of  
Woodturners*



*Dick Sing*  
*Maple*



*Dave Neybert*  
*Bottle Stoppers*



*Ed Slee*  
*Oak, Deft*



*Paul Shotola*  
*Cherry*



*Bob Bergstrom*  
*Cherry, Pearl X*



*Roy Lindley*  
*14" Walnut, Lacquer*



*Don Burgeson*  
*Koa, CA Finish*



*Bill Hochmuth*



*Roy Lindley*  
*Bottom Detail*



*Mark Dreyer*



*Roy Lindley*



*Dave Neybert  
Various Woods*

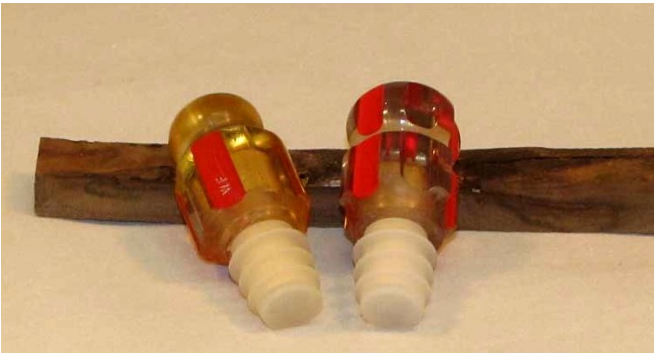


*Mark Hubl  
Pine, Scorched*



*Paul Shotola  
Wax Finish*







**Dave Neybert-Bob Bergstrom-Mark Hubl-Marie Anderson**



# **LEARN AND TURN**

**Woodcraft  
August 23, 2015**

**Four of our members volunteered their time at Learn and Turn to demonstrate the finer points of Sharpening (Bob Bergstrom), The Basics of Turning (Marie Anderson), Hollowing (Mark Hubl), and Bowl Turning (Dave Neybert). In addition to demonstrating their subjects, mentors allowed, Windy City members were able to try these techniques, in a personal, hands-on situation. Woodcraft customers and guests were exposed to the four main areas of turning, and it looks like some new turning artists were inspired to increase their knowledge and try something new. Even 9 year-old Izzy Presbitero was inspired to learn more.**

# Ashley Harwood Demo September 26



Ms Harwood, from Charleston NC, has a degree in fine arts from Carnegie Mellon University and teaches, turns and has produced turning DVDs



and videos. This demo will showcase her many talents and is sure to be informative and inspiring. She is featured in magazine articles, videos and at many demos (including the recent AAW national symposium in Pittsburgh, PA)

Demo: Saturday September 26  
Attendance Fee: No-Charge  
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, September 27  
Hands-On Class: (2 Day) Mon/Tue, Sept 28/29  
Class Location: NORMAC  
2570 Kaneville Ct. Geneva IL 60134  
9:00am to 5:00pm  
Class Tuition: \$120.00 per day  
Classes are limited to 7 students.  
Registration is required for classes

**No-Charge Admission**

*Waiting Out the Tornado  
in the Hallway at the  
August Meeting*



## **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Ornament is a Collaborative Effort**

### **The Ornament Story**

By Don Johnston, President, Windy City Woodturners

The Windy City Woodturners Club meets at the Lisle Park District Recreation Center. The club has had a focus on supporting the Park District and Lisle community events. This led to a connection with the Museums at Lisle Station Park and participation in “Once Upon a Christmas.”

Last year at that event, one of our members noticed the Christmas ornaments on sale. She wondered if we could find a way to support that effort. The Windy City board decided to investigate the possibilities. The short story is that with Carol Carls’ creative input the collaboration became the 2015 ornament offering.

Some 18 club members contributed to the production of 150 snowmen heads and hats. Each turner used a diagram called a ‘story stick’ from which they would transfer critical points in the shape of the snowman from its top to bottom. The diagram also gave information on diameters along the shape. Then it is a matter of connecting the points to make a shape similar to the diagram. This ‘story stick’ approach is one which has been used for ages to make matching table legs, stair spindles and the like. The wood selected for the ornament was basswood because it is light weight and has a fairly fine and uniform grain.

*Windy City Woodturners is a club dedicated to the art / craft / hobby of turning wooden objects. The club is one of some 350 clubs across the country affiliated with The American Association of Woodturners. Formed in 1999 by a handful of members the Windy City club has grown to over 70.*

In addition to Lisle Heritage Society Guild president Carol Carls, Cathy Cawiezel, Joan Lavin, Gerry McNellis, Cathy Payton, and Juli Riedl worked on the ornament (in alphabetical order). The limited edition ornament will be available for sale at Depot Days and “Once Upon a Christmas.”

### ***Now You Know What the Finished product Looks Like!***



## CLUB OFFICERS

*At Your Service*

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people serve in these im-  
portant roles:**

### Librarians

**Rich Ogren**

**Charlie Scheffel**

### Promotions

**Rich Nye**

### Videography

**Bob Bergstrom**

### Photography

**Dave Burk**

### Webmaster

**Brian Gravelle**

## THE MONTHLY REVIEW



Each month, an experienced turner (in August it was our own long-time member and chair of the officer election selection committee, Bill Hochmuth) takes a closer look at members' current work for form and new techniques. 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. Don't want to have your piece reviewed? No problem. There will be a table for you where you can show your work but it will not be reviewed.

# OT (Ornamental Turning) Seminar

The 2015 CWT Ornamental Turning Seminar is officially scheduled for October 9-11 (Friday to Sunday afternoon). This is a 2-1/2 day hands on learning opportunity focusing on taking your ornamental turning project from conception to completion including setting up your rose engine, how to determine what attachments to use and what you need to know to get your design to emerge the way you want it to when you're done. The intent is to break into small groups, choose a shape and then over the course of 2 days learn from each other and our demonstrators how to bring the design from 2-D to 3-D successfully. This is not necessarily a beginner's class, but all are welcome. David Lindow (inventor and manu-



facturer of the Lindow Rose Engine Lathe) and Peter Gerstel (OT enthusiast and teacher) will facilitate the learning process. All attendees will have the opportunity to share their knowledge through these projects. The seminar will be held at NORMAC in Geneva, IL. The cost is \$150 and includes a **Continental Breakfast** Friday, Saturday and Sunday and **Lunch** Friday and Saturday. For those of you who are interested there is a block of hotel rooms available at the Fairfield Inn and Suites (630-845-5500) in St. Charles just about 2 miles from NORMAC, with

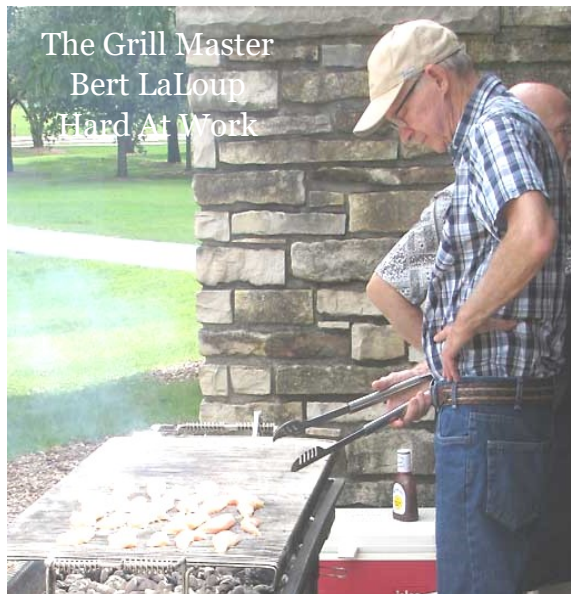


a cost of \$129/night. Please tell them you are with the Chicago Woodturners OT seminar event to receive this rate. This block of rooms is first come, first served and only guaranteed to be available until 9/17/15 so please call as soon as possible to get this rate. This is Scarecrow Festival weekend in St. Charles so bring your significant other and if they are not interested in Ornamental Turning, they can enjoy the Scarecrow Festival!



We expect to have a full house.

Contact **Marie Anderson** (630-222-0277 or 630-248-7148) with any questions or to reserve your spot.



The Grill Master  
Bert LaLoup  
Hard At Work



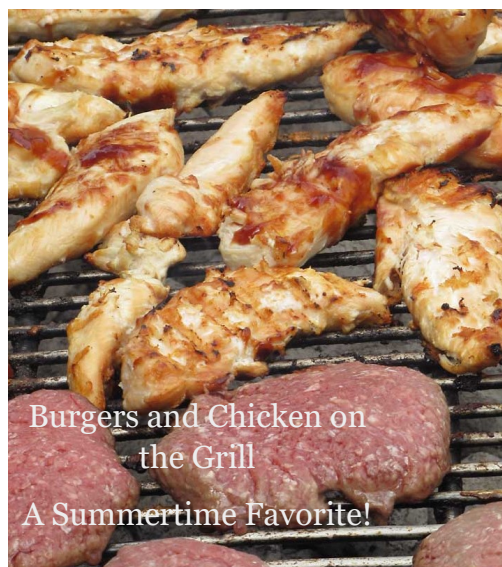
Tomatoes in August  
Nothing is Better!



If You Went Home Hungry  
It's Your Own Fault

The WCWT Picnic in August was well-attended, with good food, good friends, a wood exchange, and a white elephant raffle.

Thanks to Len Swanson  
for a terrific job organizing our picnic!



Burgers and Chicken on  
the Grill  
A Summertime Favorite!



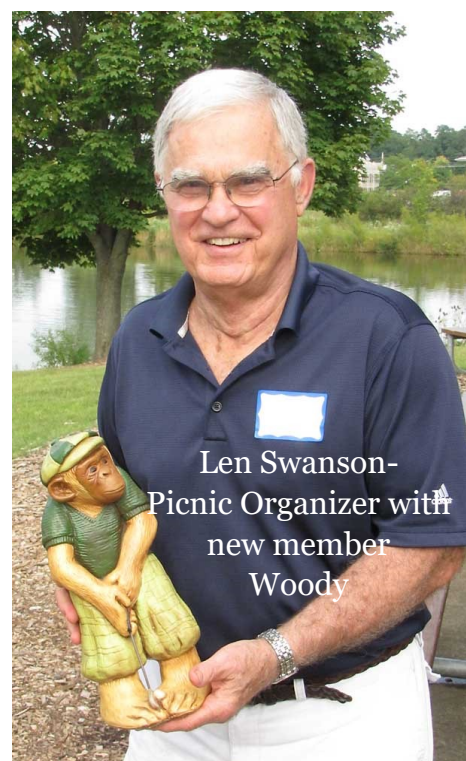
Look What I Won!



Summer's Strawberries  
and Dip



The Pea, Pasta, and  
Pesto salad was  
crowd favorite



Len Swanson-  
Picnic Organizer with  
new member  
Woody



Posing for the Camera



Wood Exchange Goodies



Pyrck, Bergstrom, and Shotola  
Discuss the Perfect Weather



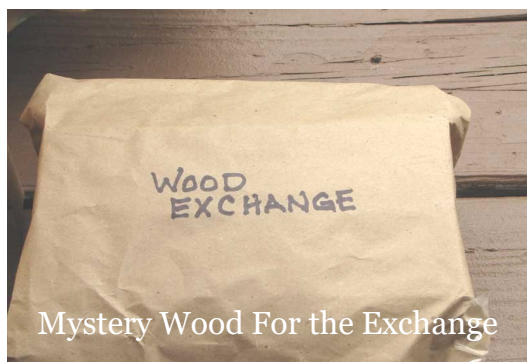
Wood District  
Shelter House



Paul Pyrick  
MCs the Raffles



The Head Chef and His Beautiful Young Assistant



Mystery Wood For the Exchange



Your VP  
Dawn Herndon-Charles  
With a White Elephant  
Raffle Prize



Garden-Fresh Zucchini

More Picnic  
Pics

# 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?

## ***You Need More Stuff!***

***In September, members are encouraged to bring their excess and unused goods to our Annual Garage Sale***

**SALE!**

**FREE**

### **2 wooden storage chests**

32" wide x 13" high x 16" deep that I am giving away. Both chests have a top tray and are painted gray. These are great for out of the way storage or tool chests. If interested call me at 630-469-5376.  
Len Swanson

## ***From Don Johnston***

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tunity for Windy City members to watch and talk and try your hand; thanks again to our demonstrators and Woodcraft for making it possible.

### **Christmas Ornaments at Woodcraft**

If you check your calendar you will find that you have marked Saturday October 31 from 10am to 3pm as the time to watch fellow Windy City members turning some of their favorite holiday ornaments. You do not have to be a member of AAW to demonstrate at this event. A signup sheet will be circulated at September and October meetings. We will have 4 lathes available and hope to have 8 members sign up. If you won't be at either of the above meetings you may call Don Johnston at 708 482 7628 to be included.

### **Windy City Picnic – 2015**

The annual Windy City Picnic was enjoyed by 43 members and wives at our favorite venue in Community Park. It was a bit too warm for Baggo, but there was a nice breeze in the shade of the shelter. As usual the food was ample and scrumptious. Thanks to Len Swanson for organizing and making it happen and to his able grillmates Nick Page and Bert Leloup Paul Pyrcik officiated the exchanges of gifts. The golfing monkey was most unique. If you weren't there to see it, you'll probably have another chance next year. Right, Len?

**Oh, yea** and make a note that Marie wants the raffle conducted on the east side next year.

# *Things To Do!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WINDY CITY WOODTURNERS EVENTS:

**Depot Days Festival:** September 19-20 12-5pm 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 Park District, Lisle IL

### CHICAGO WOODTURNERS EVENTS:

**Ashley Harwood Demo & Classes:** September 26, 27, 28, 29  
FREE ADMISSION Courtesy of the CWT Educational Committee  
**Ornamental Turning Seminar** October 9-11 NORMAC, Geneva IL  
**Jimmy Clewes Demo & Classes:** October 24, 25, 26, 27

### OTHER EVENTS:

**American Craft Exhibition (ACE Show):** September 24-27 Chicago Botanic Gardens, Glencoe IL <http://americancraftexpo.org>  
**Artistry In Wood** Carving Exhibition and Competition:  
Saturday & Sunday October 17 & 18 DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Rd. Wheaton, IL [www.dupagecountyfair.org](http://www.dupagecountyfair.org) sponsored by the North Suburban Carvers  
**Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild Turning 2015 Symposium:** October 9-11 West Harrison IN <http://www.ovwg.org>  
**Barry Grill Deep Hollowing Demo** Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild. Saturday October 24. 1125 Starr Ave. Eau Claire WI Rich Thelen 715-834-1459  
**Turn-On! Chicago Symposium:** July 22-24, 2016 Mundelein IL <http://www.chicagowoodturners.com>

Plan on attending the demo (and partaking of the hands-on classes) with Ashley Harwood. Don't miss this opportunity to see an experienced and exciting demonstrator.

To register for classes, contact Matt Schmitz  
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