

The Monthly Newsletter of the Windy City Woodturners

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Current club updates and events information

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We had our first meeting of 2018 on January 16th. Jason Clark, our new president, presented some of the plans for the year. Details of those plans can be found in his message in January's Newsletter.

Our February demo will be Dick Sing showing us how to spice up lids with inlays.

Mark Hubl will be doing the February Gallery Review

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 20@7 PM

Club meetings:

3rd Tuesday of each month
7:00 pm
Lisle Park District
1925 Ohio St., Lisle
Attendance at meetings is free
Guests and visitors are always welcome

Please note change in date of March meeting to March 27.

We are in need of someone to manage our library. Our library is a great source of useful turning information. The person(s) who takes over this role should be interested in helping to promote its use. If you are interested in volunteering for please submit your name to bruce.kamp@sbcglobal.net

Each month, an experienced member reviews members' current work in a gallery forum. We will have two tables set up, one for review items and a second table to show your work without a review. Current work is featured in this journal and on our website. All members are encouraged to bring their work to the tables. Members bringing work for review receive a raffle ticket for a gift card, so you could actually win a prize merely for doing something you actually love to do!

If possible, please prepare a card, for pieces on both tables, in advance that includes your name and any important facts about your piece. Include such things as wood, finish, unusual technique applied, etc.

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Message From Jason Clark

I recently came across a recording I made several years ago of some of my family reminiscing about some of the various things we remembered about growing up and the adventures we had. The time at the lake that so-and-so did something, once when we all went that place, were you there when...

We weren't talking about anything in particular; just fond memories and stories about times gone by. In the course of the conversation the topic of woodturning had to be brought up (as it usually does if I'm around) and I was reminded of my first time using a lathe. It turns out my first exposure to woodturning was much earlier than I previously thought.

I bought my first lathe about 15 years ago but I had almost completely forgotten the first time I actually used a lathe. Like many others my first time using a lathe was at the side of my Grandfather. I was probably about 10 years old at the time and on his property he had a large hay barn. There was a small shop area built in the front corner, just inside the wide barn doors. It wasn't much, probably not much bigger than 10 feet by 10 feet and the contents were very modest. A band saw, belt sander, diamond blade rock saw, a few various hand tools, and countless baby food jars filled with various nuts and bolts and screws are all that comes to mind.

But over in the corner, underneath the flotsam of horse tackle and spare parts (not to mention a not insignificant amount of dust) was a lathe. I'm pretty sure I only used it the one time; the time we attempted to make a baseball bat. I say attempted because the results were just like the shop: modest and unspectacular. It was perhaps 2 inches in diameter and not much more than 10 or 12 inches long and is now what I jokingly refer to as a "bonker". It turns out that size of the bat was severely limited by the availability of turning stock. In other words, we had a heck of a time finding a tree branch straight enough that the workbench didn't dance across the room. Somehow we managed to find a decent sized piece of wood and we made it all work. At the end of the afternoon I had a miniature baseball bat that any 10 year old would be proud of.

I don't have any idea where that baseball bat went. I don't know what kind of lathe it was or what tools we used. I've long forgotten (if I ever knew) what type of wood we managed to rustle up. Those details are lost to time but ultimately they're not important. What is important is that I still have the memory of that glorious Saturday afternoon spent with my Grandfather and in the end that's all that really matters.

Club News

IMPORTANT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to a conflict the March meeting of WCWT will be held on Tuesday March 27th starting at 7PM. This is one week later than normal.

- The first Bringback Challenge was held at the January meeting. Jason Clark
 offered up a very nice salt cellar. Al Miotke's number was drawn. He gets to keep
 the salt cellar. He is now committed to bringing to the next Instant Gallery a
 finished item that will be awarded to the ticket holder whose number is drawn
 for the Challenge.
- Jason also provided the evening's demo. He demonstrated the process of turning a salt cellar that included a lid and magnetic catch. A video of the entire demo can be found on our WCWT's YouTube channel at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExMB_O6VU9I

- Just a reminder that many of the demos recorded by our videographer, Bob Bergstrom, can be found on our YouTube channel
 - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNkksA85ezhPM-W8uSfsL1Q
- Please note also that Bob has included demos from his other clubs also. Lots to be learned from taking advantage of this.

• We are exploring the possibility of making available for purchase WCWT logo wear. The last time we did this was 2013. Since then we have had a lot of new members that might enjoy the opportunity to have a couple of shirts with the club logo. We want to gauge your interest in this as it will require some significant effort to put it all together. Right now we know we can obtain polos and button downs for both men and ladies. We are trying to also offer a turning smock. We would most likely limit the colors so as to create more of a club/team identity. If this is something you would be interested in and have a sincere desire to purchase one or more such items please let us know by sending an email to:

Bruce.kamp@sbcglobal.net

A simple "Yes for logo wear" in the subject line would adequate. If you have further comments or suggestions please offer them in the email.

Remember Our 1st Quarter Challenge

- Present your best finish straight off the tool.
- If a bowl of hollow form you can elect to leave the tenon in place so that the piece can be sanded and finished later if desired.
- Challenge entries due at the March meeting (3/27).
- Entries will receive a ticket which will be used to award prizes at the Holiday party in December.
- One ticket per person.











The American Association of Woodturners Happenings

A snapshot of the AAW website, featuring videos, journal archive, calendar of turning events and more

Some of the chapters included in the AAW



TURNING FUNDAMENTALS

Turning FUNdamentals is a collection of tips, tricks, videos, and techniques designed to get newer turners started off on the right foot. Newer turners, mentors and old hands alike will benefit from these gems of wisdom and guidance. Projects, techniques and safety are all covered

Membership in the AAW is \$50 @ year, and guest memberships are no charge

Visit www.woodturner.org

Turn-On-Chicago Symposium Aug 3-5 Mundelein, IL

Registration open at www.turnonchicago.com

Demonstrators as of January: : Kip Christensen, John Beaver, Rudy Lopez, Betty Scarpino, Jennifer Shirley, Harvey Meyer, Jason Clark, Mark Dreyer, Al Miotke, John Jordan, Vince Welch, Bob Leonard, Rob Wallace



Symposium FUN Facts

13 demonstrators doing over 50 rotations

Tradeshow

Instant Gallery with a peoples choice award

Instant Gallery Critique

9 meals plus a Saturday evening banquet is included

Soft Drinks and snacks included

Raffle

Friday evening Pen turning event

Auction on Saturday evening.

World of Woodturners exchange and Women in Turning meeting

Event cost for all of the above is \$315

CWT Early registration discounted fee of \$295 until March 31.





Marriott St. Louis West hotel on October 12-14,2018!

A team of demonstrators will provide instruction and inspiration on a wide variety of segmenting topics. Selected rotations will cover skill levels from absolute beginners to highly advanced topics. In short, there will be something for everyone. There will be simultaneous rotations in five separate classrooms and as usual, some rotations will be presented multiple times.

Each month leading up to the 2018 Symposium, a demonstrator will be featured on the AAW Segmented Woodturners website that will discuss the content of their rotation(s).

This month's feature is on Tom Lohman's Bowl-from-a-Board demonstration which is going to cover designs you have not seen before. You will see the process he uses to layout and assemble these creative designs.

You can read the article at:

http://segmentedwoodturners.org/2018/01/25/tom-lohman/

OTHER EVENTS:

IAP (Chicagoland International Association of Penturners)

Bi-Monthly Meeting at Rockler Bolingbrook 10:00am-1:00 pm

February 17, April 21-August 18-October 20-December 19

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AAW National Symposium 2018 Portland OR June 14-17





The American Association of Woodturners
32nd Annual International Symposium
Portland, Oregon
June 14-17, 2018

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www.windycitywoodturners.com